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SIX DOLLARS,
PER QUARTER

Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL\$7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND 3,900,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF
PROPRIETORS 7,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS—
CHAIRMAN—HON. JOHN BELL-IRVING.
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
C. D. HORTON, Esq. S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.
W. G. BRODIE, Esq. J. S. MOSE, Esq.
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. L. POKSNECKER, Esq.
B. LAYTON, Esq. N. A. SIKES, Esq.
HON. A. P. MCLEWEN, E. A. SOLOMON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.
HONGKONG—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.
SHANGHAI—EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND
COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT at
the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the
daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
CREDITS granted on approved Securities,
and every description of BANKING and
EXCHANGE business transacted.
DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief
commercial places in Europe, India, Australia,
America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 25th April, 1888. [8]

RULES

OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—THE BUSINESS of the above BANK
will be conducted by the HONGKONG
AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION, on their premises in
Hongkong. Business Hours on WEEK-
DAYS, 10 to 3 SATURDAYS, 10 to 1.
2.—SUMS LESS THAN \$1, or MORE THAN
\$250 at one time will not be received. No
Depositor may deposit more than \$2,500
in any one year.

3.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK,
having \$100, or more, at their credit may
at their option transfer the same to the HONG-
KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12
months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—INTEREST at the rate of 3 1/2 % per
annum will be allowed to Depositors on
their daily balances.

5.—EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis
with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented
with each payment or withdrawal.
Depositors must not make any entries them-
selves in their PASS-BOOKS, but should send
them to be written up at least twice a year,
about the beginning of January and
beginning of July.

6.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business
of the Bank, if marked ON HONGKONG
SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be
forwarded free by the various British Post
Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—WITHDRAWALS may be made on demand,
but the personal attendance of the
Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and
the production of his PASS-BOOK, are
necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1887. [9]

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL£2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL 500,000.
Registered Office, 40, THREADNEEDLE STREET,
LONDON.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
Issues LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards Bills for
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " " "
" 3 " 3 " " " "
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS
2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL
BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the
BALANCES of such claims, purchased on
advantageous terms.

AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY.
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.
HONGKONG BRANCH.

TO BE LET.
TO LET:
ROOMS in "COLLEGE CHAMBERS,"
GODOWN in ICE HOUSE LANE, lately
occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
from the 1st August.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, Sons & Co.
Hongkong, 12th July, 1888. [12]

MACAO.
TO BE LET UNFURNISHED OR
PARTLY FURNISHED.
A BUNGALOW, opposite the Public
Gardens, at the western end of the Craya
Grande. Excellent water supply, and servants
quarters attached. Rent very moderate.
Apply to
A. A. DE MELO & Co.,
Macao, 3rd April, 1888. [15]

Entimations.

PIANOS FOR SALE.

PIANOS ON HIRE.

A. H. A. H. N., PIANO TUNER AND REPAIRER.

OWING to the increasing patronage to the PIANO Tuning Department of my business, I am
obliged to give up "Store-keeping" from the 1st of September next. During this month
of August, I will, therefore, SELL at REDUCED PRICES ALL BRASS, WIND, and STRING
INSTRUMENTS, etc. Special arrangements have been made for the SALE of TOYS and FANCY
GOODS at an average price of 50 cents cash. The Store will be kept open daily till 8 P.M.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1888. [76]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR SPORTING GEAR FOR THIS SEASON.

FOWLING-PIECES 12 and 16 Bore.

DUCK GUNS.

ALLIANCE SPORTING POWDER.

ELEVEN CARTRIDGE CASES, WADES, &c.

LOADING and RE-CAPPING MACHINES.

CARTRIDGE BAGS and BELTS.

CHILLED and COMMON SHOT in all Numbers.

SHOOTING BOOTS and KNICKER-BOCKER STOCKING.

WATER-PROOF RUBS.

DOG WHISTLES, WHIPS and COLLARS.

PICNIC STORES.

&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1888. [29]

ROBERT LANG & CO., TAILORS, HATTERS, SHIRTMAKERS, AND GENERAL OUTFITTERS.

NEW GOODS.

TALL SILK HATS.
"Drab Felt Hats.
Black, Brown Drab and Grey
Hard Felt Hats.
Teral and other Soft Felt.
Tweed Hats and Caps in New
Shapes.
Straw Hats and Pith Hats.
Silk Umbrellas from \$5 each,
over 100 to choose from.
A large assortment of Walking
Sticks.
Waterproof Coats, Leggings and
Chair Aprons.
Travelling Rugs and Scotch
Mauds.

Overland Trunks, Gladstone
Bags, and a variety of Travel-
ling Cases, all sizes.
Winter, Medium and Summer
Under Vests and Pants.
Silk Half-Hose, Black, Navy
and Colors.
Lamb's Wool Merino and Lisle
Thread Half-Hose.
White Dress Shirts.
Lacing and Elastic-side Walking
Boots and Shoes.
Shooting Boots, Rubber Boots.
Patent Leather Boots & Shoes.
Dancing Pumps, all sizes.
Large Stock of Scarfs, Ties,
Handkerchiefs, Braces, &c.

ROBT. LANG & CO.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1888 [9]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

JUST LANDED IN SPLENDID CONDITION.

CIGARETTES.

"RICHMOND STRAIGHT CUT."
"VIRGINIA BRIGHT."
ALLEN & GINTER'S "LITTLE BEAUTIES."
KINNEY'S "STRAIGHT CUT."
And shortly to arrive, a fresh consignment of "SWEET CAPORALS."

TOBACCO.

"OLD RIP" in 1/2 lbs. Tins.
"RICHMOND GEM" do.
Do. MIXTURE do.
COPE'S "GOLDEN CLOUD" do. & 1/2 lbs. Boxes.
WILLS' "BRISTOL BIRDS EYE" do.
Do. "THREE CASTLES" in 1/2 lbs. Tins.
ALLEN & GINTER'S "TURKISH MIXTURE" in 1/2 lbs. do.

SOLE PROPRIETORS OF THE POPULAR BRANDS—
"HAPPY THOUGHT," "DOLLAR BRAND," "STAR MIXTURE" & "GOLD EAGLE."

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1888 [7]

THE STERLING ORIENTAL CORSET (REGISTERED)



WARM CLIMATES or EVENING WEAR
Made from an entirely new fabric, combining strength with lightness.

ROSE & CO.

ARE NOW SHOWING A LARGE STOCK

OF

THE "STERLING ORIENTAL CORSET,"

IN RIDING,

TENNIS,

HAIDEE and

ACME.

Also,

THE "PHANTOM BUSTLE"

and

THE NEW "CURETTA" & "VESTINA"

BODICE.

ROSE & CO.,
37-39, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 7th July, 1888. [40]

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED

A QUANTITY OF NEW FRENCH NOVEL

of CHOICE MANILA CIGARS.

STYLOGRAPHIC PENS.

HUTTON'S ENGINEER'S HAND-BOOK.

REED'S

HUTTON'S WORK-MANAGERS HAND-BOOK.

SEATON'S MANUAL OF ENGINEERING.

FRENCH and ENGLISH CONVERSATION.

CHEAP STATIONERY.

ENVELOPES a 1/2 per 1000.

THREE CASTLES TOBACCO.

New Assortment of LADIES FRENCH EVENING SHOES.

Presses for the protection of TENNIS RACKETS.

TENNIS BALLS, Etc.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1888. [100]

Entimations.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEET-
ING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation
will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong,
on SATURDAY, the Twenty-fifth day of August,
at TWELVE O'CLOCK, NOON, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Court of Directors
together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th
June, 1888.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 27th July, 1888. [74]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGIS-
TER OF SHARES of the Corporation
will be CLOSED from the 11th (SATURDAY), to
the 25th day of August next, both days inclusive,
during which period no transfer of Shares can be
registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 27th July, 1888. [742]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"DIAMANTE,"

Captain McCaslin, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 25th instant,
at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1888. [817]

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE Company's Steamship

"PHRA CHOM KLAO,"

Captain J. Fowler, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 26th instant, at
NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FAT HONG,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1888. [821]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM- SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND

ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and taking through
Cargo to QUEENSLAND PORTS, NEW
ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"CATTERHUN,"
Captain Darke, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 28th instant,
at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th August, 1888. [799]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY AND

MELBOURNE.

THE Steamship

"CHINGTU,"
Hunt, Commander, will be despatched as above,
on TUESDAY, the 28th August, at 4 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the
Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.
First Class Saloon and Cabins are situated
forward of the engines. Second Class Passengers
are berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating
machine ensures the supply of fresh provisions
during the entire voyage. A duly qualified
Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1888. [793]

THE "GIBB" LINE.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
Taking through Cargo for QUEENSLAND PORTS,
ADELAIDE, TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, &c.

THE British Steamer

"MOGUL,"
Captain Johnson, will be despatched as above
on or about the 28th instant.

Attention is directed to the Steamer's comfort-
able Saloon and State Rooms, affording excel-
lent accommodation for First Class Passengers.
To be followed by the S.S. "DELCOMYN"
on or about 31st inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Managers.
Hongkong, 17th August, 1888. [757]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND

CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"WINGSANG,"
Captain D'A. de St. Croix, will be despatched as
above, on THURSDAY, the 30th instant, at
3 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior First Class Accom-
modation, specially constructed to meet the
requirements of tropical climates.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1888. [810]

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA THE Steamship

"PORT ADELAIDE,"
W. West, Commander, will be despatched for
the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 30th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1888. [818]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY.
(With option of calling at COLONBO should
inducement offer.)

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"LOMBARDY,"
will leave for the above places on TUESDAY,
the 28th inst., at NOON, instead of as previously
advertised.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1888. [795]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"JAPAN,"
Captain T. S. Gardner, will be despatched for
the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 28th inst.,
at NOON, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, Sons & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st August, 1888. [806]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship

"MARY L. STONE,"
Josselyn, Master, shortly expected, will load here
for the above Port, and will have a quick
despatch.

For Freight, apply to
PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th August, 1888. [812]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship

"W. H. CONNER,"
Butman, Master, shortly expected, will load here
for the above Port, and will have a quick
despatch.

For Freight, apply to
PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1888. [755]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship

"C. C. CHAPMAN,"
Hichborn, Master, shortly expected, will load here
for the above Port, and will have a quick
despatch.

For Freight, apply to
PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1888. [754]

Mails.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON;

ALSO,
MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH
BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, TRIESTE,
HAMBURG, NEW YORK, AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"PESHAWUR," Captain L. H. Moule, with Her
Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this
for LONDON direct, via SUEZ CANAL, the 25th
August, at NOON.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M.
Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until
4 P.M., on the day before sailing.

For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and
PASSAGE apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hong-
kong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are re-
quired to be declared prior to shipment.
Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Black Bills of Lading.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office.
Hongkong, 13th August, 1888. [73]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM- SHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO,

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND
EUROPE;

VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship

"BELGIC,"
will be despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 8th September,
at THREE P.M.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with
Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.
All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to
address in full; and the same will be received at
the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day
previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—
To San Francisco.....\$200.00
To San Francisco and return..... 350.00
available for 6 months..... 350.00
To Liverpool..... 325.00
To London..... 330.00
To other European Ports at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers
of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the
Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on
application.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embark-
ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or
vice versa) within one year will be allowed a
discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does
not apply to through fares from China and
Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Officers, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.
C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 18th August, 1888. [3]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO
JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED
STATES—AND—EUROPE,
VIA

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
AND OTHER CONNECTING
RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship

"DUKE OF WESTMINSTER,"
3,725 Tons Register, Turret Commander,
will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C.
and SAN FRANC

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
NOTICE.

GARDEN SEEDS.

SEASON 1888-9.

THE following SEEDS required for immediate sowing CAN BE SUPPLIED AT ONCE:—
CELERY, CYCLAMEN, and CINERARIA.

Our First Shipment of Assorted VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS has arrived, and will be ready for delivery in a day or two.

Catalogues and Gardening Notes Free on application.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
17th August, 1888.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1888.

A CORRESPONDENT has been writing to our morning contemporary re the alleged share-broker nuisance. And here is what he says:—

"At the present time there are about sixty share-brokers in the colony, and there are only three auctioneers, each of whom pays \$300 per annum for a licence. The share brokers pay nothing, and each makes far greater profit than the auctioneers. It would be reasonable and wholesome if the Government imposed a fee for a broker's licence."

There can, we think, be very little doubt that the fanks of the sharebrokers could be considerably thinned with advantage both to the fraternity and the public at large; but that is no reason why ignorant newspaper correspondents should write and stupid newspaper editors publish misleading statements which are alike without sense and reason. If sharebrokers are to be licensed like auctioneers, why should not bankers, merchants, architects, doctors, lawyers, drapers, house agents—ay, and even editors be also called upon to specially contribute to the public revenue? Why should any professional tradesmen be exempted from this ridiculous tax? Besides, as a matter of fact, sharebrokers contribute a very much larger amount in the shape of taxation to the Government than the auctioneers, and probably more than any other class of business men. Surely the *Daily Press* and its precious correspondent must be aware that the whole of the sharebrokers in the colony pay very heavy licences in the shape of stamps for their deeds of sale and transfer—amounting, we understand, in the case of some firms to as much as \$500 per month? If that is not a direct tax on business, a license under another name, we should like to know what it actually is.

Nevertheless we are bound to admit that sharebrokers in this colony carry on their operations on a basis which is the reverse of satisfactory. There are without doubt numbers of respectable, influential, and trustworthy firms whose word is their bond, which may be as safely relied on as a Hongkong Bank dividend warrant; but it is also indisputable that there are others, many others, who are mere men of straw, earning a precarious hand-to-mouth living by means that will not always bear a close inspection. In plain English, it has become something very like a common custom that when a man has failed at everything else he finds his last refuge amongst the ranks of the sharebrokers. No capital is required, a short advertisement in the newspapers, the operator takes up a central position in the vestibule of the Hongkong Hotel (which costs nothing), charts a jinnicksha, arrays himself in his Sunday garments and assumes his everyday "cheek," and the thing is done—he is a Hongkong broker, and very often becomes, if we may be excused for using very expressive slang, a "dead broker." That this sort of thing ought to be amended there can be no doubt; but it is a question whether the remedy does not lie with the public themselves rather than with the Government authorities. It has been frequently urged, and not without reason, that if share traffickers will deal with unreliable agents it is only right that they should take the consequences when "time" shares that have risen twenty per cent. since the day of purchase are not forthcoming when settlements are being arranged. In our opinion the principle of *Caveat emptor* should apply to almost all business transactions—and certainly to share trafficking.

On another occasion we propose dealing at some length with this subject, when we hope to be in a position to offer some suggestions which the Government may find it advisable to enforce in the public interest, and which will not arbitrarily or unjustly interfere with vested rights. Meanwhile we have thought it advisable to attempt to show to our readers how silly and unfair is the obsolete suggestion of licensing brokers favored by the *Daily Press*—and we think we have conclusively done so.

TELEGRAMS.

(Ruter.)

THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

LONDON, August 21st.

Signor Crispien has gone to Germany to meet Prince Bismarck and Count Kalnoky.

BOULANGER BOBS UP SERENELY.

General Boulanger has been elected for the departments of Somme and Charente.

A NAVAL DOCK IN BOMBAY.

LONDON, 6th August.

A proposal for a dry dock at Bombay is included in the report of the Committee on Navy Estimates.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

BERLIN, 6th August.

It is understood that the coming interview between M. de Giers and Prince Bismarck will lead to a conference here, in order to deal solely with the Bulgarian Question.

THE CURRENCY COMMISSION.

LONDON, 7th August.

In the House of Commons last night, Mr. W. H. Smith, in reply to a question, said the Chairman of the Currency Commission hopes to present the Report within two months.

THE TROUBLE IN ZULULAND.

DURBAN, 6th August.

Two columns are advancing on the Cezabush; Dinizulu's locality and intentions are not known.

PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, August 14th.

Parliament has been adjourned until the 6th of November.

MR. PARNELL AND "THE TIMES."

Mr. Parnell has decided to proceed against the *Times* for libel in the Scotch Courts.

BOULANGER FIRED AT.

PARIS, August 15th.

General Boulanger is touring in the provinces. At Charente an opportunist fired five shots from a revolver at the General, but missed him.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

WE read in a Japanese contemporary that a trial shipment to England of black tea will be made shortly by the Osaka Tea-preparing Company.

A KORE native paper says—Some days since a tea-broker living in Motomachi was arrested on a charge of selling a large quantity of adulterated tea, and is now under examination. He had an accomplice, a Chinaman, who was handed over to his Consul and treated to go blows with a bamboo, inflicted by order of that dignitary.

TUESDAY'S issue of the *Macao Independent* is conspicuous for the abysmal absurdity of its remarks about the manifestoes which the members of the Portuguese community of Hongkong have sent to the extinct Municipality of Macao and to Senhor Amaral, the unsuccessful candidate at the last election for a Deputy. The *Macao* semi-official organ views the independent measures taken by the Portuguese residents of this colony through its usual coloured spectacles, and goes on tottering and stumbling in its blind career of mean subservience, classifying as irregular and ill-advised what was simply beyond the range of its asinine comprehension. The signatories of both manifestoes can well afford to ignore the *Independent's* querulous twaddling.

ACCORDING to the *Bukka Shimpi*, the tenders for the purchase of the Milke coal mine have been opened in the presence of the competent authorities and of the bidders themselves. It had been distinctly premised by the Directors of the Accounts Bureau that the highest tender would not necessarily be accepted, the Government reserving the right of instituting careful enquiries as to the competence of the tenderer to carry out his contract. Naturally, in transferring this important industry to private hands, there is a strong resolve to guarantee it against abandonment. Five tenders were found in the box. One of them is said to have been a representation from Mr. Iwasaki Yanosuke with reference to the sale of the mine. This, the *Bukka Shimpi* asserts, was left unopened, as having no bearing on the matter in hand. Inadvertently no doubt, says the *Japan Mail* our contemporary greatly misrepresents the Government. In handing over to the people a large coal-mine hitherto worked under official direction, the authorities would not be so foolishly short-sighted as to leave unopened a representation coming from the only successful private mine-owner of any importance in Japan. But the fact is—as we happen to know—that no such representation was forwarded by Mr. Iwasaki. His letter merely contained a statement—dictated by consideration for the authorities themselves—that under the conditions imposed he regretted his inability to tender for the mine, but that he should be glad to do so hereafter were the conditions modified. The tenders actually sent in are said to have been as follows:—

Mr. Sasaki Hachiro, Tokyo, 4,551,000
Mr. Kawasaki Gishuro, representing
Mr. Shimada Zenemon, Kyoto, 4,519,000
Mr. Kato Bunsen, Yokohama, 4,415,000
Mr. Mizui Takemasa, Tokyo, 4,100,000

According to the *Nichi Nichi Shinbun*, Mr. Sasaki is supposed to enjoy some measure of official support. For our own part, we can only say that the bidding has been very remarkable. If anybody really hopes to carry on the Milke mine profitably after paying 44 million yen for it, he must have bases of calculation unknown to the public. At all events, it will be well when the sale and transfer are effected, for there is much room for criticism in the continued working of the mine under official direction. We may add that the upset price fixed by the Government was 4,200,000 yen; the manner of payment, to be 200,000 yen down, 1,000,000 yen on taking over the mine at the end of the year, and the remainder in 12 annual instalments. It is evident that any individual or company purchasing the mine at such a price, will not be able to sell the coal at the low prices hitherto asked for it. We trust that the result may not prove injurious to the development of the export trade in this commodity.

THE P. M. S. S.'s magnificent steamer *City of New York* is advertised to leave for Yokohama and San Francisco at noon on Wednesday next.

THE population of the province of Cebu, in the Philippine Archipelago, numbered 39,702 souls in 1735; 100,000 in 1799; 389,073 in 1850; 394,215 in 1876; and 518,082 in January, 1888.

THE Annual Aquatic Sports in connection with the Victoria Recreation Club will be held on Friday and Saturday, the 31st inst. and 1st September. Full particulars will be announced in due course.

M. Chasagnon, a celebrated illusionist, who arrived in the colony to-day by the steamship *Glenroy*, will shortly give performances at the Theatre Royal, City Hall. Programmes will be duly circulated.

THE *Daily Press*, after all these weary years of trouble and tribulation, hears "that the idea of removing the Naval Yard to the Kowloon side is being very favorably entertained by the Naval Authorities." Poor old *Granny*!

A BIG fire occurred on the 10th inst. at Iloilo, in the Philippine Islands, resulting in the destruction of a great number of houses and involving a loss of from \$70,000 to \$80,000. The conflagration was produced by an explosion of kerosene.

ON the 7th inst. Admiral Chandler removed his flag from the U.S.S. *Brooklyn* to the *Marion*, his late flagship leaving for America. Five days later she was towed into Nagasaki disabled, having broken her crank-shaft. It was expected that this would detain her several months, but it has been decided to send her round the Cape of Good Hope, under sail, without delay.

FROM late Rangoon advices we observe that Dave Carson has been lately 'fretting his weary hour' at that city. We wonder if Bandmann's old pal and partner (but hated enemy) will really pay Hongkong a visit! "The Bengalee Baboo" has not amused us for the past ten years, and we would not mind seeing the veteran Dave once more in the flesh before joining the angels in the 'great beyond.'

WE hear from Macao that the nondescript Commission appointed by Governor Costa to inquire into the affairs of the dissolved Corporation have concluded their work and reported unfavourably on the extinct Chamber. As it is almost a certainty that the members of the dissolved *Senado* will be re-elected on Sunday next, it matters very little to them what the minions of the Government think of their past administration.

THE *MANILA Comercio* has the following with regard to the barque *Australia*: "Hopes are entertained that the barque *Australia*, which is aground on the San Nicolas shoal, may eventually be floated. By means of a powerful steam pump she has been made dry, a quantity of coal has been landed, and it is anticipated that by unloading her, for which purpose the steamer *Feliza* has towed four lighters to the locality, she may be floated and towed to Caicoa."

AT 2.45 p.m. to-day, as our teetotal reporter was wandering in the neighbourhood of the Hongkong Hotel, he saw a crowd of Celestials assembled precisely on the spot whereon stood Price's famous iron retreat behind the Clock Tower. Thinking he might pick up matter there for a "par," he cautiously approached, expecting to see wallowing on the ground a drunken tar in the usual approved fashion; but he soon discovered that the centre of attraction was a snake, quite a little beauty with black and white stripes which had dropped from a branch of the tree just in time to breathe its last in a couple of minutes after landing on terra firma, the Celestials having dispatched it with marvellous rapidity.

THIS morning at the Police Court, before Mr. Sercombe-Smith, Cheung Wa Tan, a fisherman, charged two members of the same fraternity with obtaining from him the sum of \$15 by false pretences and with the intent to defraud, on the 25th May last, off Silver Island, in the waters of the colony. Complainant said he was in his junk cruising for fish off Silver Island on the above date when first defendant came alongside in his junk and warned him away on the allegation that he, defendant, had a monopoly for fishing in that particular part. He then told complainant that if he had a license he might remain, but that he must himself pay for it. He then offered complainant a license for \$15, which he would have to pay for him. Complainant, having two boats, paid the accused \$7.50 for a permit for each to fish on the grounds. The money was paid in Mexicanos and Vens. For the payment of the money he was ordered over into defendant's junk, but on the cash being pocketed, complainant was told that taking all things into consideration he could now, as he had paid, go on fishing without a license. Complainant, who was carrying on the fishing by virtue of said license, defendant again ranged up alongside and ordered him to "clear out." Complainant then made a report of the matter to the police at Stanley. Defendant denied the charge and brought witnesses to prove that he was unfounded, whereupon the case was dismissed.

WE learn that applications for shares in the proposed East Borneo Planting Co., Ltd., have already been received to nearly double the number available, although the prospectus has not yet been issued. This satisfactory result evidences that the remarks we made some days ago regarding this new industrial enterprise were well founded. The East Borneo Planting Co., Ltd., will be registered early next week; its capital of \$150,000 is divided into five thousand shares of \$30 each, and the principal share to be carried on will be tobacco and rubber, with a view to the cultivation of five thousand acres of land which have been secured on most advantageous terms. The General Agents of the Company will be Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co., a firm whose name is sufficient guarantee of the thoroughly genuine and bona fide character of the undertaking. This introduction of English capital into British North Borneo should materially assist that colony in its efforts to utilise the manifold commercial advantages it undoubtedly possesses; and it certainly does not say much for British enterprise that the place has hitherto been regarded as a wilderness by Dutch capitalists. This latter fact, however, is doubtless owing to the lack of direct communication between Borneo and Hongkong; and now that this difficulty has been removed, we can confidently predict that a considerable traffic will rapidly be built up between the two colonies.

WE are informed that the steamer *Kiukiang* which left this at 2 p.m. yesterday, arrived at Macao at 7 p.m. owing, it is supposed, to a low tide.

THE locomotives of the Manila-Dagupan railway line will weigh 25 tons; the wagons will be built to suit all the requirements of a tropical climate.

MANILA papers report frequent cases of tramway collisions with carriages and all sorts of vehicles along the road of that city, resulting generally in more or less serious accidents to the drivers or occupants.

A HINGO vernacular print says that since April, 10 and 20-cent subsidiary silver coin to the value of 600,000 yen has been struck at the Mint, and that work will be resumed to increase this sum to 900,000 yen.

A JAPANESE native paper reports that the Hon. John A. Bingham, formerly United States Minister to Japan, will be re-appointed to Tokio, the present Minister leaving shortly for home on the expiration of his term of service.

THIRTY two Chinese householders and others were to-day summoned by the Police for making bonfires in the streets on the 21st inst. The defaulters, in all but one or two cases, admitted the charge and were fined one dollar each.

THE *Extremo Oriente* publishes a letter which several members of the Portuguese community of this colony have jointly addressed to Senhor Amaral, the unsuccessful candidate at the recent election for Deputy in Macao. The *Independente*, which supported Senhor Hortia's candidature, "goes for" this document in its usual rag-picking style, and heaps a mountain of abuse on Senhor Amaral's adherents—a class of people that can well afford to laugh the *Macao* rag to scorn.

AT the Police Court this morning before Mr. Sercombe Smith (a fruit dealer of No. 12 Square Street) was charged by the police with dealing in the Tsz Fa lottery. Defendant denied keeping such an establishment, and explained to the Court that a neighbour some time ago had dealings with him in Tsz Fa stock. Defendant was heavily, but on applying for a settlement it was refused. It was applied for again and again when at last a quarrel broke out, and then the neighbour induced the police to make this charge against him. In this dilemma the inevitable informer comes forward and takes his solemn oath to have played with the accused on a certain occasion and to have staked money on the game. Other evidence being taken as to the condition of the room where certain paraphernalia of the game were found, the accused was fined \$30, but, not having that amount handy, he preferred to accept free board and lodging at General Gordon's model establishment for the next six weeks.

THE Macao authorities, in their ridiculous attempt at suppressing the truth as regards the present sanitary state of the neighbouring colony, have contrived to get the *Independente* to depict in rosy colours the state of affairs there, and our morning and evening contemporaries, whose Macao news is generally copied from that unreliable source, have followed suit and declared to the public that since the few cases of cholera from the transport *India* have been isolated, the epidemic has been efficiently checked. While deaths from cholera are daily reported in Macao, it is highly amusing to hear our Wyndham Street oracles imitating the *Macao* rag in its futile attempt to disguise the actual state of things prevailing there. We were shown yesterday a letter from a Macao *taipin*, earnestly requesting a resident here to do his best towards suppressing the alarming state of affairs in that colony. It is supposed that commercial interests are at the bottom of the suppression movement; but as facts are no respecters of persons, they will transpire and become known, the *Daily Press* and *China Mail* notwithstanding. Our correspondent writes us under today's date that six more deaths from cholera were reported at the Caicilas lazaretto yesterday, that three Chinese women were seized with choleraic attacks at the Horta da Mitra, one of them succumbing, that a servant to the officer, who is second in command of the *India*, died on board that vessel, of the same disease, and that a rumour was afloat to the effect that Major Vaquinhas, who was lately placed in command of the lazaretto, had fallen ill.

LAST night a large number of soldiers witnessed about the most attractive item on the programme of weekly entertainments which their popular Chaplain has provided. The Garrison Theatre was crowded, and the Rev. B. Wonnacott presided. To begin, Police Sergeant Mann and Constable Duncan, dressed in the gorgeous Royal Stuart tartan, played the pibroch *Donald Dhu*. They looked really fine, being men of grand physique, fully dressed, marching up and down the platform skirling out their wild music, though, probably the native onlookers outside thought it wasn't a patch on their shrieking fiddles. It passed off admirably, however. Constable Cuthbert, wearing the Gordon tartan, next gave a sword-dance, Duncan accompanying on the pipes. The Northerners present unanimously agreed that they had never seen it better danced. Instructor Sergeant Mills, with two military pupils, next gave an exhibition with Indian Clubs, a line which is interesting, but "filling." A song by a stalwart soldier followed, and proved a pleasant variation, being vociferously cheered. The recall having been got through, Mills performed some feats of swordsmanship, cutting a bar of lead and a sheet of paper with apparently equal ease. Then the drone of the chanter was heard again, as Piper Mann struck up a Highland Fling, danced by Constables McIntosh and Cuthbert, each wearing the Gordon colours. The audience rose to it, and, not contented with a repetition, demanded a reel, which was danced with equal grace and agility. A smart round with the gloves, between that excellent all-round man, Mr. Mills and Mr. C. H. Thompson, kept the interest up for the next few minutes, being followed by a bout of quarter-staff by two soldiers. A grand march, by the pipes, duly ended a really first-class home's enjoyment.

A SANITARY observatory will shortly be established on the island of Guimaras, in the province of Iloilo, Philippine Islands, which is to watch and report on the arrival of ships proceeding from infected ports.

MR. and Mrs. Gladstone are approaching the Jubilee year of their married life. The opportunity will be taken by a circle of personal friends and colleagues in both Houses of Parliament to make an interesting presentation. Mrs. Gladstone will receive the portrait for which she is now sitting to Mr. Herkomer, and Mr. Hollis's portrait of the Grand Old Man, which forms a feature in the Royal Academy of the present year, has been purchased for presentation to the right hon. gentleman.

THE Liquidator of the Great Eastern Steamship Company has issued a statement of the receipts and payments during the period of the liquidation, which shows funds available for distribution among the shareholders amounting to £5,333 6s. 8d., being at the rate of 11s. 4d. per £0 share. The steamship was sold for £26,200. Out of the fund of £16,200 mortgages and interest thereon and creditors exceeding £19,000 were paid in full before anything became divisible among the shareholders.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. A. J. Leach, Acting Puisne Judge.)

LAWYERS AT LOGGERHEADS.
Tsang Hon, a carpenter, residing at Sau-ki-wan, opposed an interpleader claim brought by Chu Fan, a boatbuilder at the same place, for the possession of a partly-built junk and a quantity of timber. The Attorney General (instructed by Mr. Dennys) represented Tsang, and Mr. Francis Q.C. (instructed by Mr. Webber) was for Chu. Considerable debate arose between these legal lights as to which ought to begin the contest, and finally it was decided to adjourn the case in order that they might see some one who knew something about the procedure in such cases.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

In the absence of the Acting Chief Justice, who is indisposed, the prisoners found guilty at the Sessions on Monday were sentenced this morning by Mr. Leach.

THE QUICKSILVER CASE.
Ng Tuk, Chan Ching, Chiu Chan, and Chu Wan were brought up for receiving the eight flasks of quicksilver stolen from Arnold, Karberg & Co.'s godown, knowing them to be stolen. All denied their guilt, the last expressing his willingness to have his bones at the bottom of the sea, and his body floating at the surface if he had done so. They were sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour. Chan Ching burst into lamentations and had to be dragged bodily out of the Court by a couple of constables.

THE GAROTTER.
Tsang Amau, found guilty of robbery with violence in Praya West, wanted to be deported. His Lordship said that robbery with violence was always punished here very severely, and in his case the sentence would be one of two years' imprisonment with hard labour, and to be whipped with a rattan, 25 strokes, within the first six months.

OUR SANITARY BOARD.

Drainpipe and Epidemic Board met this afternoon. Everybody there. Board had written to His Excellency asking what he intended to do in anticipation of small-pox by-and-by. H. E. wrote back "not his business;" would consider their suggestions. Told them to "look slippy." Mr. Francis surprised the Board asked such an impertinent question. Wouldn't have let him if he had been at last meeting. Captain Deane tried to explain. Mr. Francis unappeased. Everybody afraid to ask him why he wasn't at last meeting. Says it is a slap in the face by reading all correspondence since March. Chairman lively starts draft estimates. Mr. Ede brings up letter again. Thinks immediate attention to sanitary details more useful than building a Hospital. Suggests that H. E. be told so. Mr. Francis again. Chairman tries draft estimates again. Pulled up by the Board. Half an hour gone. No results. Eg-um-draft estimates. We leave.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

TWO MUDDLES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—A fortnight, less or more, has elapsed since the publication of the half yearly reports of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, and I have been looking in vain for some discussion upon them in the local dailies. But a calm has prevailed, which may or may not presage a coming storm. I shall say that "may not" is the more likely term. Some underbreath growling on the "Rialto" heralded its appearance, but waxed fainter and fainter like the last rumbling of the retreating storm, and even your own "something to say" has not appeared—and by the way, has not this occurred rather often of late? The management of our local companies is surely a fit and worthy subject for discussion, and we sadly want a Mammion column to criticise the doings of our *Midases*, but *where is the Moses Most*?
Taking the first report to hand, that of the Bank, there appears a slight improvement over the previous six months, inasmuch as the net profits are 7/10ths per cent. on the gross amount engaged in the business of the Bank on the 30th June, against 5/10ths per cent. for the 31st December last; but this does not show the actual amount of liabilities entered into for the whole six months; it goes without saying that this poor margin of profit becomes yet poorer when spread over the gross amount of liabilities for the six months. Two losses are apparent—\$24,000 by exchange on Dividend adjustment account, and \$48,000 by conversion of Consols; these amounts are equal to 10 per cent. on the net profits. Well, we can't feel-bauld the Directorate for those losses; we may be rather thankful that the Bank's investments in Consols are not at a figure more accordant with the extensive operations of the Corporation, or a far higher amount of our slim earnings would have been Goschenised.
The borrowed capital has been increased and reached to over 74 millions of dollars; 74 millions deposited upon these deposits at interest at the rate of from 5 to 6 per cent. has been paid. In the absence of more figures, we will take a mean of 5 1/2 per cent. at which rate \$7,200,000.83 will probably have been paid for the use and liability of this large sum, which, with other funds, earned for the Corporation the magnificent amount of \$700,000 thousand net profit. Our Directors have

In fact, been paying from 2 to 5 percent. interest on 74 million dollars which, in the business to which they have been applied, were certainly not worth more than two per cent.

I do not exactly know what is the relationship between the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and the Savings Bank, but I suppose that a large part of the earnings of the Bank goes to pay rates of interest upon the savings of the community that they are not worth. The just interests of the proprietary are for a considerable reduction of the rates paid on deposits, for it is not just that the depositor with the minimum of risk should carry off so large a portion of the profits, whilst the proprietary with such enormous liabilities have to be content with so narrow a margin. It is but a short walk from such slim profits as the report shows to actual disaster. If the business of the Bank cannot be carried on upon its present proportions without such an enormous amount of borrowed capital, it would be better for our Directors to lop off much of the risky, shaky, I had almost written shady, transactions which have so long required such ample "provision."

The Dock Company's report shows a further falling off of business, resulting in a division of profits to the tune of \$20,000; whilst the liabilities show an increase of debt to the tune of \$112,000, round figures, resulting in an increased charge on the earnings of \$4,815. The Admiralty loan has been diminished by the handsome amount of \$800, at which rate it will take the Company about 80 years to get rid of its lightest creditor. I suppose the management will make the ironclads (when they come) sweat for that! The thing does not look healthy; diminishing business and increasing debts inevitably lead to disaster. There has been considerable addition to the nominal value of the Dock Co's property and plant which seem to have been paid for out of the \$112,000 fresh credit, though, as far as can be made out by the report, the figures do not come out square. The proprietary can scarcely hope that the debt with which they are saddled has yet reached its limit; another report or two will probably raise it another \$200,000, and the interest charge increased in proportion; how does the Directorate propose to deal with this encumbrance? \$800 a year will not do much, and there is not a cent to spare out of the revenue account. A dividend must be paid, even if it is out of borrowed capital, or shares will rapidly fall to the lowest depths of woe. Will this difficulty be faced at the coming meeting? Will the shareholders confront the question of the vitality of the concern, or waste their time over the question of one or two per cent. more or less dividend?

Yours, &c.,

F. H. E.

Hongkong, 23rd August, 1888.
[We would add nothing to our correspondent's observations—which are no doubt worthy of consideration—had he not expressly referred to our remark in publishing the reports of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, that we should probably have "something to say" regarding these important documents. Our correspondent may rest assured that we shall have something to say about both reports at the proper time and season; but surely he must recognise that the shareholders have an undeniable right to the "first innings"? "F.H.E." may not be aware of it, but it is a fact nevertheless that we have both read and written a good deal at various times about both Banks and Docks and we expect a substantial recognition of our well-meant efforts when we join the angelic choir—not before. If the shareholders of public companies, when once a lead has been given them, do not possess sufficient courage to attack abuses, expose gross blunders, and, to use a medical simile, suggest remedies to moribund patients, it is certainly not the business of the Editor of a newspaper to put himself out of the way to protect private interests. After the half-yearly meetings of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and the Dock Company we shall certainly have "something to say," until then, we prefer leaving the shareholders who have personal interests at stake to fight for their own hands. Our past labors have not been so warmly appreciated that we need worry ourselves about other people's concerns.—Ed. *Hongkong Telegraph*]

CHOLERA IN BATAVIA.

The *Straits Times* of August 14th is responsible for the following:—
Batavia papers received yesterday morning announce the outbreak of cholera in that city. So far, the disease has carried off victims mainly from among the native population. The *Nieuwsblad* states that cholera is a periodical visitor there and in Java. Notwithstanding its well known periodicity and regular recurrence, the disease always strikes terror when it puts in an appearance. People usually sedate and calm lose self-command and become nervous, forgetful that fear is a powerful predisposing agent.

CHINESE CHARACTERISTICS.

ECONOMY.

The word Economy signifies the rule by which the house should be ordered, especially with reference to the relation between expenditure and income. Economy, as we understand the term, may be displayed in three several ways, by limiting the number of wants, by preventing waste, and by the adjustment of forces in such a manner as to make a little represent a great deal. In each of these ways, the Chinese are pre-eminently economical. One of the first things which impresses the traveller in China, is the extremely simple diet of the people. The vast bulk of the population seem to depend upon a few simple articles, such as rice, beans in various preparations, millet, garden-vegetable, and fish. These are a few other things, from a staple of countless millions, ornamented it may be on the feast days, or on special occasions, with a bit of meat. Now that so much attention is given in Western lands to the contrivance of ways in which to furnish nourishing food to the very poor, at a minimum cost, it is not without interest to learn the undoubted fact, that in China in ordinary years, it is quite possible to furnish wholesome food in abundant quantity at a cost for each adult of not more than two cents a day. Even in famine times, thousands of persons have been kept alive on a few cents a day. The Chinese are not more than a cent and a half a day. This implies the general existence in China of a high degree of skill in the preparation of food. Poor and coarse as their food often is, insipid and even repulsive as it is, infrequently seems to the foreigner, it is impossible not to recognize the fact, that in the cooking and serving of what they have, the Chinese are past masters of the culinary art; in this particular, Mr. Wingrove Cooke ranked them below the French, and above the English (and he might have added the Americans). Whether they are below any one of these nationalities, we are by no means so certain as Mr. Cooke may have been; but their superiority to some of them, is beyond dispute. In the few simple articles which we have mentioned, it is evident that even from the point of view of the scientific physiologist, the Chinese have made a wise choice of their staple foods. The thoroughness of their mode of preparing food, and the great variety in which

Commercial.

CLASSED QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—158 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$87 per share, sellers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$73 per share, sellers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 285 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$93 per share, buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 80 per share, sellers.
 Chinese Insurance Company—\$175 per share, buyers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$145 per share, sellers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$78 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 34 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$143 per share, buyers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—115 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$175 per share, sellers.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—25 per cent. div. sellers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$60 per share, sellers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$182 per share, buyers.
 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$55 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$78 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$13 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, ex div. sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 A—2 per cent. premium.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—5 per cent. premium.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—4 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$75 per share, sellers.
 Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.
 Punjom and Senghe Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$11 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—64 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—35 per cent. premium, sellers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—350 per cent. premium, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 2/11 1/2
 Bank bills, on demand 2/11 1/2
 Bank bills, at 30 days sight 2/11 1/2
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OPIUM MARKET—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul..... \$550
 (Allowance, Tals 16 to 32).
OLD MALWA, per picul..... \$580 to \$590
 (Allowance, Tals 4 to 16).
NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest \$496 to \$509
NEW PATNA, (bottom) per chest..... \$509
NEW BAKERS, (without choice) per chest \$480 to \$490
NEW BAKERS, (bottom) per chest..... \$490 to \$500
NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul..... \$540
OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul..... \$600
OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul..... \$550 to \$575

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

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Hongkong	29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Swatow	29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Shanghai	29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Amoy	29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Hongkong	29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
Swatow	29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

Barometer	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	State of Sky	Remarks
29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	
29.73	60	SW	10	10	Cloudy	

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
 The M. M. Co's steamer *Ava*, with the French mail of July 28th, left Singapore on the 23rd instant at 4 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 29th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
 The steamer *Parthia*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver on the 1st instant, and is due here on or about the 29th.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The P. & O. S. N. Co's steamer *Kashgar*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 18th inst., and is expected here on the 24th.

The Navigazione Generale Italiana Co's steamer *Dormida*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 18th instant, and is expected here on the 24th.

The China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co's steamer *Moynia*, left Singapore on the 20th instant, and is due here on the 26th.

The Ocean Steamship Co's steamer *Japon*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 21st inst., and is due here on the 27th.

The E. & A. S. S. Co's steamer *Airlie*, left Port Darwin on the 19th instant, and may be expected to arrive here on the 28th.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.
 NORDEN, Norwegian steamer, 1,367, Nielsen, 22nd August.—Nagasaki 17th August, Coals.—Nittai Bussan Kaisha.

GLENROY, British steamer, 1,411, Webster, 21st August.—London, 21st August, 17th August, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
 PROTONS, German steamer, for Sourabaya.

PROTONS, British steamer, for Port Natal, &c. *Haiphong*, British steamer, for Swatow, &c. *Kutsang*, British steamer, for Swatow, &c. *German*, German steamer, for Hoihow.

Decima, German steamer, for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.
 August 22, *Ningpo*, British str., for Whampoa.

August 22, *Woosung*, British str., for Whampoa.

August 23, *Bengalee*, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

August 23, *Malwa*, British steamer, for Nagasaki, &c.

August 23, *Canton*, British str., for Swatow, &c.

August 23, *Kutsang*, British str., for Swatow, &c.

August 23, *Peking*, British str., for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.
 Per *Glenroy*, str., from Singapore, &c.—206 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
 Per *Peking*, str., for Shanghai.—2 Europeans and 51 Chinese.

Per *Kutsang*, str., for Swatow, &c.—1 European and 70 Chinese.

TO DEPART.
 Per *Haiphong*, str., for Swatow, &c.—1 European and 150 Chinese.

Per *Anton*, str., for Hoihow.—1 European and 40 Chinese.

Per *Decima*, str., for Saigon.—100 Chinese.

REPORTS.
 The British steamship *Glenroy* reports that she left London on the 17th instant. Had light monsoon and variable winds with fine weather generally.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.
 For Swatow, Amoy, & Fochow.—Per *Haiphong*, to-morrow, the 24th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Sourabaya.—Per *Cicero*, to-morrow, the 24th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Falkenberg*, to-morrow, the 24th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Straits and London.—Per *Glenavon*, on Saturday, the 25th instant, at 10.30 A.M.

For Europe, &c., India, via Colombo, and Calcutta.—Per *Peshawar*, on Saturday, the 25th instant, at 11.00 A.M.

For Straits Settlements.—Per *Dafila*, on Saturday, the 25th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Diamante*, on Saturday, the 25th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Swatow and Bangkok.—Per *Phra Chom Klao*, on Sunday, the 26th instant, at 9.00 A.M.

For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide.—Per *Catterthun*, on Tuesday, the 28th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Japon*, on Tuesday, the 28th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Lombardy*, on Tuesday, the 28th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Port Darwin, Sydney, and Melbourne.—Per *Chingtu*, on Tuesday, the 28th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Europe, &c., &c.—Per *Bayern*, on Wednesday, the 29th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Europe, &c., Australia, Madras, Calcutta, and Mauritius.—Per *Natal*, on Thursday, the 30th instant, at 11.00 A.M.

For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Wingsang*, on Thursday, the 30th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

ANTON, German steamer, 398, E. Aereboe, 22nd August.—Pakhoo 19th August, and Hoihow 21st, General.—Wiel & Co.

DOKHARA, British steamer, 1,711, S. Bason, 22nd August.—Yokohama 14th August, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

CATTERTHUN, British steamer, 1,406, J. W. B. Darke, 17th August.—Sydney 14th July, and Nourah 20th, General.—Russell & Co.

CHANCELLER, British steamer, 1,328, B. Whymann, 18th August.—Halibong 16th August, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

CICEPO, British steamer, 1,060, A. George, 17th August.—Saigon 13th August, Rice.—Captain.

CITY OF NEW YORK, American steamer, 3,500, Robt. R. Searle, 17th August.—San Francisco 21st July, and Yokohama 11th August, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.

DAFILA, British steamer, 536, J. C. Nielsen, 22nd August.—Whampoa 22nd August, General.—Ah Yon & Co.

DECIMA, German steamer, 665, P. Oestmann, 18th August.—Saigon 1st August, Rice and Paddy.—Siemens & Co.

DIAMANTE, British steamer, 514, McCaslin, 20th August.—Manila 17th August, General.—Russell & Co.

DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, 654, Rafael Beltran, 21st August.—Manila 17th August, and Amoy 20th, General.—Brand & Co.

DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM, British steamer, 2,020, T. C. Burnside, 22nd August.—Saigon 17th August, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ELCORA, German steamer, 1,146, P. Mellor, 19th August.—Hamburg and Singapore 15th August, General.—Siemens & Co.

ELSE, German steamer, 747, W. Jøben, 13th August.—Nagasaki 4th August, Coals.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

FALKENBURG, German steamer, 988, W. Dreyer, 19th August.—Saigon 15th August, General.—Melchers & Co.

FAME, British steamer, 1,174, A. Stopani.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

FUSHER, British steamer, 1,174, P. J. J. C. French, 20th August.—Kaitchick 14th August, Coals.—Nittai Bussan Kaisha.

HAIPHONG, British steamer, 1,122, Harris, 22nd August.—Fochow 18th August, Amoy 20th, and Swatow 21st, General.—D. Laprak & Co.

HONGKONG—STEAMERS.

Continued.
 JAPAN, British steamer, 1,865, T. S. Gardner, 18th August.—Calcutta 2nd August, Sandheads 4th, Penang 10th, and Singapore 12th, 805 chests Opium, 505 bales Cotton, 477 bales Gunnies, 1,200 bags Saltpetre, and 10,000 packages Sundries.—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.

LOMBARDY, British steamer, 1,571, F. Preston, 18th August.—Bombay 2nd August, and Singapore 13th, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

PIRA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,011, J. Fowler, 20th August.—Bangkok 14th August, General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

PILOT FISU, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

PORT ADELAIDE, British steamer, 1,788, Fred. West, 2nd August.—San Francisco 13th July, Vancouver 20th, Yokohama 8th August, Kobe 11th, and Nagasaki 15th, Coal and General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

PROTONS, British steamer, 1,587, Wm. H. Farrand, 17th August.—Fochow 15th August, Tea.—Gillman & Co.

PROTONS, German steamer, 1,093, C. Sørensen, 15th August.—Mauritius 17th July, and Singapore 7th August, General.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

THOR, Norwegian steamer, 1,228, Le Ivano, 20th August.—Kutchinotzu 14th August, Coal.—Order.

VICTORIA, British steamer, 1,530, John Coundon, 22nd August.—Nagasaki 16th August, Coals.—Takasima Colliery Co.

WINGSANG, British steamer, 1,517, A. de St. Croix, 20th August.—Calcutta 5th August, and Singapore 14th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ADOLPH, German bark, 867, E. Westergaard, 5th August.—Hamburg 19th April, General.—Order.

COMET, German ship, 1,083, Kaupponer, 17th July.—Cardiff 4th April, Coals.—Order.

C. C. CHAPMAN, American ship, 1,600, A. J. Hichborn, 15th August.—Shanghai 16th July, General.—Pustau & Co.

ELKORNO, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination hulk, Stonecutters' Island.—Chinese Customs.

ESCORT, American bark, 636, R. G. Waterhouse, 15th July.—Hollo 3rd July, General.—Chinese.

JOHN NICHOLSON, British bark, 685, W. Quino, 8th July.—London 1st March, General.—Melchers & Co.

LUCIA, British bark, 640, Wood, 5th August.—Fremantle (W. Australia) 11th July, Sandalwood.—Order.

NORWAY, Norwegian bark, 657, Th. Albuhton, 15th August.—Singapore 4th August, Timber.—Wieler & Co.

NVL GHAI, British ship, 1,252, W. B. Butler, 1st August.—Samsang 20th July, Ballast.—Order.

SACHEM, American ship, 1,311, J. L. Bartlett, 29th June.—Cardiff 17th March, Coal.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

TA HONGKONG, Siamese ship, 636, M. Steinbring, 7th August.—Bangkok 25th July, General.—Hong Kong.

YOUNG SIAM, Siamese bark, 780, G. Kock, 16th June.—Put back, General.—Chinese.

WOOSUNG, British steamer, 1,109, J. B. Harris, 22nd August.—Wuhu, and Chinkiang 15th August, Wheat and Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.

WHAMPOA.

CANTON, British steamer, 1,110, Bremner, 21st August.—Shanghai 15th August, and Swatow 20th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HANGCHOW, British steamer, 999, Overbridge, 18th August.—Newchwang 8th August, Chefoo 10th, and Swatow 16th, Beans.—Butterfield & Swire.

MEKPOO, Chinese steamer, 1,338, Lunt, 18th August.—Swatow 16th August, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

NINGPO, German steamer, 769, Schult, 22nd August.—Shanghai 18th August, General.—Siemens & Co.

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Alacrity, despatch-boat, 1,400 tons, 3180 h-p, 4 guns, Commander R. Blair Macdonochie, Hongkong.

Audacious, battle-ship (armoured), 2nd class, 6,010 tons, 4,830 h-p, 18 guns, Captain J. B. Warren, Flag of Commander-in-Chief, Hongkong.

Cockchafer, gunboat, 2nd class, 460 tons, 470 h-p, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander H. H. Boteler, Shanghai.

Constance, cruiser, 3rd class, 2,380 tons, 2,590 h-p, 14 guns, Captain L. C. Keppel, Hongkong.

Cordelia, cruiser, 3rd class, 2,380 tons, 2,420 h-p, 10 guns, Captain H. H. Boys, Yokohama.

Esk, gunboat, 3rd class, Coast Defence, 363 tons, 340 h-p, 3 guns, Gunner W. Weeks, Hongkong, in reserve.

Esport, gunboat, 2nd class, 465 tons, 470 h-p, 4 guns, Lieutenant-Comdr. R. Y. Smith, Canton.

Firebrand, gunboat, 2nd class, 455 tons, 460 horse-power, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander J. Denison, Singapore.

Heroine, cruiser, 3rd class, 1,420 tons, 1,130 h-p, 8 guns, Captain Charles J. Ballour, Yokohama.

Impetuous, twin-screw cruiser, 8,400 tons, 10,000 horse-power, 10 guns, Captain Wm. H. May, Yokohama.

Leander, cruiser, 2nd class, 3,750 tons, 5,500 h-p, 10 guns, Captain M. J. Dunlop, Yokohama.

Linnat, gun-vessel, 2nd class, 756 tons, 1,050 h-p, 5 guns, Commander W. H. Marrack, Cheloo.

Merlin, gunboat, 2nd class, 430 tons, 430 h-p, 4 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. W. H. Maturin, Hongkong.

Mutlie, ship, 1,130 tons, 1,120 h-p, 10 guns, Commander J. H. Martin, Yokohama.

Porpoise, gunboat, 1st class, 1,750, Captain R. W. White, Shanghai.

Rambler, surveying-vessel, 830 tons, 690 h-p, 3 guns, Commander W. A. Moore, Shanghai.

Rattler, gunboat, 1st class, 670 tons, 1,200 h-p, 6 guns, Lieutenant-Commander W. H. M. Dougall, Nagasaki.

Sapphire, cruiser, 3rd class, 1,070 tons, 2,360 h-p, 12 guns, Captain W. C. Karlake, Yokohama.

Satellite, cruiser, 3rd class, 1,420 tons, 1,400 h-p, 8 guns, Captain T. P. W. Nesham, Chelumpoo.

Swift, gun-vessel, 2nd class, 750 tons, 1,010 h-p, 5 guns, Commander A. C. B. Bromley, Yokohama, re-commissioning.

Tweed, gunboat, Coast Defence, 3rd class, 363 tons, 340 h-p, 3 guns, Boatswain J. M. Shea, Hongkong, in reserve.

Victor Emanuel, receiving ship, 5,157 tons, 20 guns, Commodore W. H. Maxwell, A.D.C., Hongkong.

Wiron, Coast Defence ship (armoured), 2,710 tons, 4,450 h-p, 18 guns, Gunner D. W. Hawkins, Hongkong, in reserve.

Wanderer, cutter, 625 tons, 750 h-p, 4 guns, Commander G. A. Gillett, Yokohama, re-commissioning.

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Bormida	Bombay	August 24th	Carlowitz & Co.
Kashgar	Bombay	August 24th	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Moynia	Liverpool	August 26th	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Japon	Liverpool	August 27th	Butterfield & Swire.
Airlie	Port Darwin	August 28th	Russell & Co.
Parthia	Vancouver	August 29th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Ava	Marseilles	August 29th	Messageries Maritimes.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Peshawar	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 25th, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Glenavon	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Aug. 25th, at noon.
Marseilles, via Saigon, &c.	Stentor	Butterfield & Swire.	Aug. 25th, at noon.
Bremen, & Ports of Call.	Natal	Messageries Maritimes.	Aug. 30th, at noon.
San Francisco, via Panama	Bayern	Melchers & Co.	Aug. 30th, at 10 a.m.
San Francisco, via Panama	City of New York	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Aug. 29th, at 1 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via A. &c.	Belgie	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Sept. 8th, at 3 p.m.
Port Darwin, Sydney, &c.	Duke of Westminster	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Aug. 29th, at 3 p.m.
Sydney, Melbourne, &c.	Chingtu	Butterfield & Swire.	Aug. 28th, at 4 p.m.
Calcutta, via Straits	Mogul	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	About August 28th.
Bombay, via Straits	Catterthun	Russell & Co.	Aug. 28th, at noon.
Nagasaki, Kobe, &c.	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Aug. 30th, at 3 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Lombardy	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 28th, at noon.
Manila, via Amoy	Port Adelaide	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Aug. 30th, at noon.
Swatow and Bangkok	Jason	Butterfield & Swire.	Aug. 29th.
Coast Ports	Diamante	Russell & Co.	Aug. 25th, at 4 p.m.
	Phra Chom Klao	Yuen Fat Hong	Aug. 26th, at noon.
	Haiphong	Douglas Laprak & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.

Intimations.

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 BASS BROOMS, Hair Brooms, Corn Brooms, Banister Brushes, Stove Brushes, &c., &c.
 Sieves, Coffee Mills, Wafile Irons, Gridirons, Broilers, Frying Pans, Kitchen Stoves, Standard Oil Fuel for Stoves, &c., &c.
CUTLERY—Knives, Forks, Spoons, Fish Carvers, Ham Slicers, Soup Ladles, Toddy Ladles, Champagne Knives, Beer Cocks, Wine Taps, &c., &c.
ELECTRO PLATED WARE—Cruets, Butter Dishes, Marmalade, Jam and Pickle Jars, Ice Jugs, Ice Pails, Sugar Basins, Cream Jugs, Card Trays, &c., &c.
FURNISHING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
 Hongkong, 31st July, 1888.

INTIMATION.